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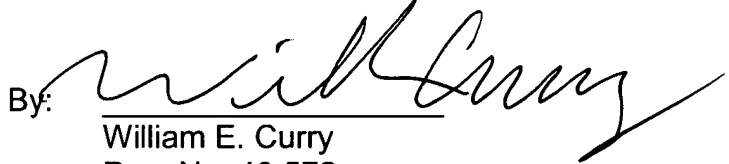
Claims 1-39 are pending in the application. In response to the requirement for restriction set forth in the above-identified Office Action, the Applicant hereby elects claim group I, i.e., claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 29, 30, 34 and 37, drawn to a diffusion layer, for further prosecution in the application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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